

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: G. Neurauter
LAURENT FROUIN)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2143
Application No.: 09/981,817)	
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Filed: October 19, 2001)	
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR)	
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COMMUNICATION NETWORK)	April 25, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RULE 105 COMMUNICATION

Sir:

This is in response to the communication under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 dated March 25, 2008.

In the communication, the Examiner alleged that the specification of the instant application "identifies applications that are incorporated by reference in the instant application that are identified by docket number, not by serial number." The Examiner requested that "Applicant provide the corresponding serial numbers for these applications identified in the specification."

In reviewing the Office Action, Applicant notes that it fails to point out what applications or what page/line of the specification allegedly cites these applications. In reviewing the specification, Applicant fails to see any applications that are identified by

docket number as alleged in the Office Action. Specifically, it is noted that the specification does indeed reference other applications, but those are identified by their foreign (French) application numbers. In this regard, at page 1, lines 28-29 of the specification, a reference is made to “French patent application FR-0001553 in the name of CANON.” At page 8, line 32, reference is made to “application FR-2778295 in the name of CANON.” Applicant can only assume that the foregoing references are what the Office Action is referring to when it mentions applications identified by docket number rather than by serial number. Thus, Applicant responds to the Rule 105 communication under this assumption.

Assuming that the Rule 105 communication is indeed referring to the foregoing French application, Applicant wishes to point out that both of those applications were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated December 12, 2001, and those references have already been considered by the Examiner. It should be noted that, in the December 12, 2001 IDS, French application FR-0001553 was listed by its publication number of FR 2804812. Therefore, since each of the applications mentioned in the specification have already been cited in an IDS and made formally of record, Applicant sees no need to cite them again in response to the Rule 105 communication.

If the Examiner was referring to something other than the foregoing French applications in the specification, then it is requested that clarification of the portions of the specification citing such applications by docket number be provided so that Applicant can provide any necessary information for the Examiner’s consideration.

No other matters being raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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